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In re Application of:

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Title: NATURAL FORMULATION FOR THE TREATMENT AND PREVENTION
OF DEPRESSION, CONTAINING ST. JOHN'S WORT AND
DERIVATIVES OF DIHYDRO- AND TETRAHYDROFOLIC ACID

REPLY

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the office action dated June 4, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

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1. (Amended) An orally applicable natural formulation comprising St. John's Wort (*Hypericum perforatum*) or an extract or active ingredient thereof, in combination with at least one dihydrofolic acid or salt compound, tetrahydrofolic acid or salt compound or a mixture thereof. *of the extract*

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3. (Amended) Formulation according to claim 1 comprising a dihydro- or tetrahydro- folic acid compound selected from the group consisting of 5-methyltetrahydrofolic acid, tetrahydrofolic acid, dihydrofolic acid, 5-formyltetrahydrofolic acid, 10-formyltetrahydrofolic acid, 5, 10-methylenetetrahydrofolic acid, 5-methenyltetrahydrofolic acid and salts thereof.

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